Governor Markell Orders Flags Lowered for Passing of Two Former Leaders

DOVER — With the passing of two Delaware leaders, former Delaware National Guard Adjutant General George Kenneth Hastings and former State Representative John McKay, Governor Markell has ordered the American and Delaware flags at state buildings and facilities be flown at half-staff on Friday, November 1 as a mark of respect.

Major General George Kenneth Hastings served six years as Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard, retiring in 1999 and concluding a life of service in the military. He is remembered in the Guard for his institutional knowledge and for modernization of the National Guard's force structure. He passed away on Oct. 26.

State Representative John McKay was elected to the House of Representatives in 1974 and served for eight years, representing New Castle County. During his time in the legislature, he served as Minority Whip. He passed away on Oct. 28.

Services for Maj. Gen. Hastings will be held on Friday in Laurel and for Rep. McKay on Friday in Lewes.